

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-53. (cancelled)

54. (currently amended) An assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising:

a first tube having a length adapted to a distance from an outer wall of the patient's abdomen to a sacrum, ~~which the~~ the first tube ~~[[is]] being provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum~~ and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from ~~[[a]] the~~ distal to the proximal end thereof;

a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals ~~[[a]] the~~ length of the first tube, ~~which the~~ the second tube or rod ~~[[is]] being provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end; and~~

at least one ~~means for~~ attachment device configured for penetrating into the spine provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of ~~means~~ a connector configured for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, wherein the distal

end of the second tube or rod and the proximal end of the ~~means~~
~~for~~ attachment device are formed for functional mutual
engagement,

wherein the second tube or rod can be movably
accommodated in the first tube, the second tube or rod ~~extends~~
extending into the first tube, [[and]]

wherein the distal end of the first tube is configured
to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and at least a part
of the ~~means for connection~~ connector is attached to the ~~means~~
~~for~~ attachment device and situated within the first tube,

the part of the ~~means for connection~~ connector is
situated between the first and the second tube or rod,

[[the]] a distal end portion of the second tube or rod
is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an
accommodation space for said part of the ~~means for connection~~
connector,

~~at least a part of the means for connection is attached~~
~~to the means for attachment and is situated around the distal end~~
~~of the second tube or rod, and~~

~~a mat is wrapped around the second tube or rod.~~

55. (previously presented) The assembly according to
claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod can be rotatably
accommodated in the first tube.

56. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the ~~means for~~ attachment device is a bone screw.

57. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the proximal end of the second tube or rod is provided with means for rotation of the second tube or rod.

58. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 57, wherein the means for rotation comprises an arm that is transverse to the second tube or rod.

59. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is formed for fittingly, holding the proximal end of the ~~means for~~ attachment device.

60. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 59, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end.

61-63. (Cancelled)

64. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end, and wherein the distal end

of the second tube or rod forms an accommodation space for the proximal end of the ~~means for~~ attachment device and is provided with a passage to the side, wherein an end portion of the said part of the ~~means for connection~~ connector extends through the passage.

65. (cancelled)

66. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the said part of the ~~means for connection~~ connector comprises a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

67. (cancelled)

68. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~means for~~ attachment device has a diameter that at least almost corresponds to the diameter of the first passage.

69. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod at the proximal end is provided with means for gauging related to the sliding of the second tube or rod in the first tube corresponding to an attachment length of the distal end of the ~~means for~~ attachment device.

70. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the first tube is provided with a serrated edge.

71. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the first tube is provided with a handle near the proximal end.

72. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~means for connection~~ connector comprises at least one of:

one or more threads that are attached to the attachment ~~means~~ device, or

a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

73. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, further comprising a laparoscope.

74. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 54, sterilely accommodated in a hermetically closed packaging.

75. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 74, further comprising a viewing screen that is functionally connected to the laparoscope.

76-113. (Cancelled)

114. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~means for connection~~ connector comprise one or more threads.

115. (previously presented) The assembly according to claim 72, wherein the mat of material is attached to threads.

116. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~means for connection~~ connector is completely positioned within the first tube.

117. (canceled)

118. (canceled)

119. (new) The assembly according to claim 66, wherein the mat is wrapped or shirred up around the second tube or rod.

120. (new) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod is snugly accommodated in the first tube.

121. (new) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the connector is completely positioned within the first tube.